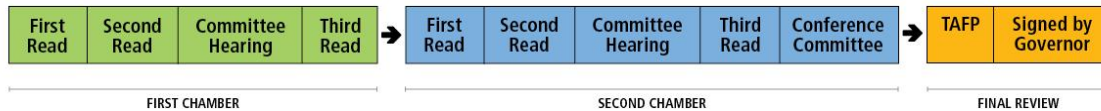




## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

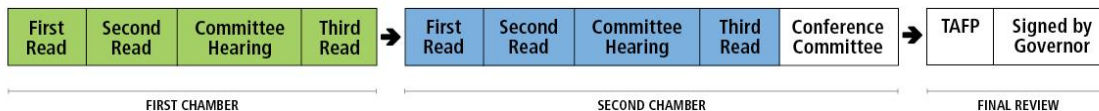
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### Summary of Legislation Impacting Higher Education

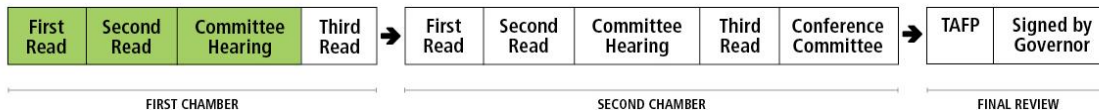
**HB 3** **Flanigan** Appropriations – Higher Education: Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds and distributions of the Department of Higher Education.

**Bill History** Committee: [Conference Committee on Budget](#)



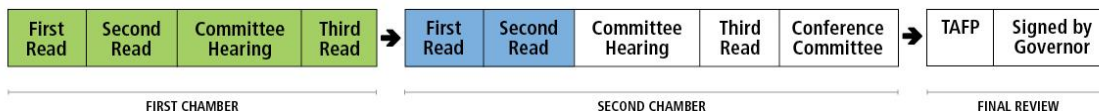
**HB 17** **Flanigan** Appropriations – Capital Improvement: Appropriates money for capital improvement and other purposes as provided in Article IV, Section 28. This list includes projects for the University of Missouri, the Department of Transportation, the Office of Administration, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Conservation, and the Department of Public Safety.

**Bill History** Committee: [House Select Committee on Budget](#)



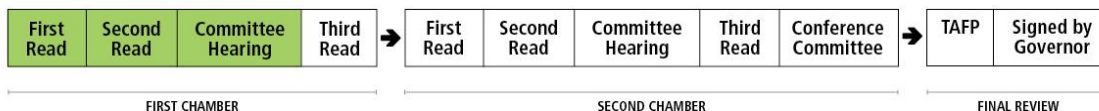
**HB 33** **Walker** Survivor's/disabled employee's education grant program: Adds emergency medical technicians and certain staff of the state fire marshal's office to the list of individuals eligible for the Public Service Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant program.

**Bill History** Committee: [Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee](#)



**HB 82** **Mims** Policies on student favoritism: Requires public institutions of higher education to adopt policies on student favoritism by September of 2016. The policy must establish a procedure for addressing allegations of favoritism toward any student and an institution must uniformly and consistently apply the policy, make it easily accessible, and train campus leaders about its contents.

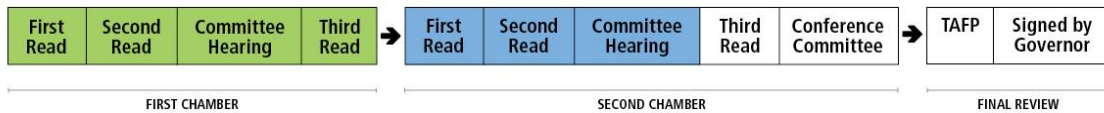
**Bill History** Committee:



HB 104 Haahr

Student Freedom of Association Act: Creates the Student Freedom of Association Act. The act prohibits public colleges and universities from taking any action or enforcing any policy that denies a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association, or discriminating against a religious student association.

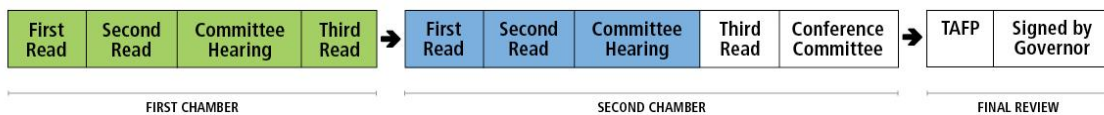
Bill History Committee:



HB 112 Franklin

Health care workforce analysis: Allows various state boards to collaborate with the Department of Health and Senior Services or other entities to collect and analyze workforce data to assess the availability of qualified health care providers.

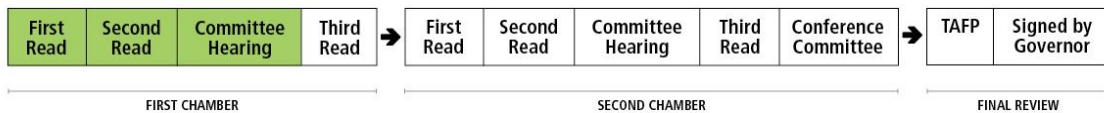
Bill History Committee:



HB 120 Davis

Password Privacy Protection Act: Establishes the Password Privacy Protection Act. Education institutions shall not require, request or coerce students to disclose the user name and password to, or to access in the presence of a school employee or volunteer, their personal social media accounts. It shall be an unlawful employment practice for an educational institution to violate the statute.

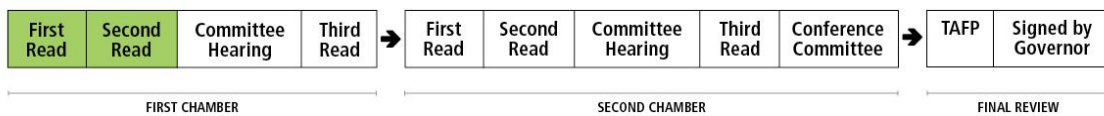
Bill History Committee:



HB 140 Reiboldt

MO Dairy and Ag Education Act: Establishes the Missouri Dairy and Agriculture Education Act. The act requires the Department of Agriculture to administer a dairy producer margin insurance program and establish the Missouri Agriculture Education Scholarship Program. The scholarship program would provide scholarships to up to 100 students who are enrolled in an agriculture education program and are committed to working in the agriculture industry in Missouri.

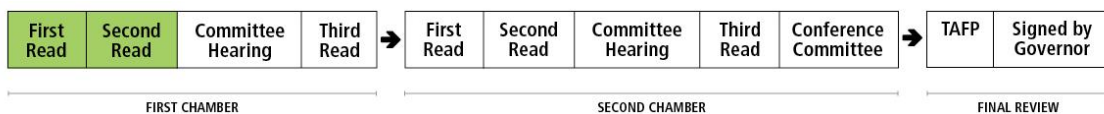
Bill History Committee:



HB 155 Gardner

Health Care Professionals Cultural Competency Act: Requires all health care professionals in this state to complete cultural competency training in school and as continuing education for licensure, certification or registration.

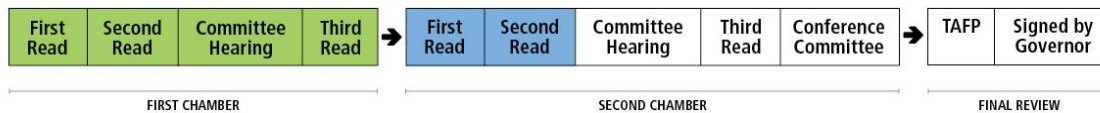
Bill History Committee:



HB 187 Fitzpatrick

Postsecondary education public benefits: Provides that no student in unlawful status in the United States shall receive a postsecondary education public benefit, which includes institutional financial aid awarded by public postsecondary educational institutions and state-administered postsecondary grants and scholarships awarded by all postsecondary educational institutions. Prohibits public institutions of higher education from offering tuition rates to unlawful status students that are less than the rate charged to citizens of the United States whose residence is not illegal. It also deletes the statutory provision that makes students enrolled in programs leading to divinity or theological degrees ineligible to receive state student assistance.

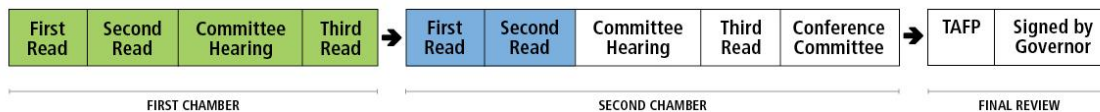
Bill History Committee: [Senate Education Committee](#)



HB 210 Conway

Community college police: Allows community college boards of trustees and college police officers to establish regulations to control vehicular traffic on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the college.

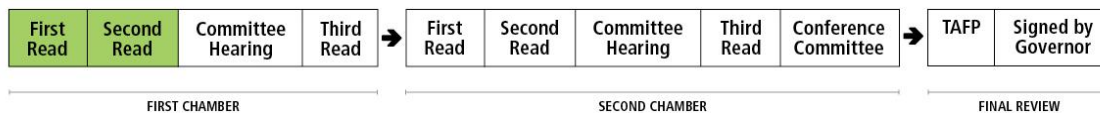
Bill History Committee: [Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](#)



HB 219 Wilson

Child Support: Specifies that a parent ordered to pay child support shall not be ordered to also pay for the educational expenses of the child attending an institution of vocational or higher education.

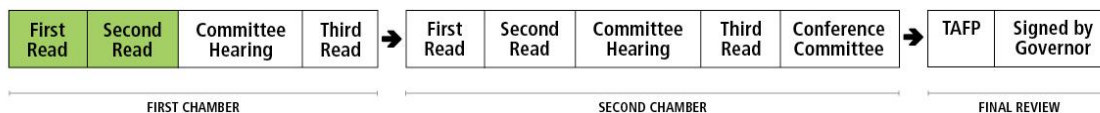
Bill History Committee: [House Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings](#)



HB 244 Butler

Economic-Education Partnership Act: Establishes the Economic-Education Partnership Act, which allows an employer with facilities in Missouri who provides educational benefits to a qualified individual pursuing health care, engineering, or information technology to have up to 100% of the withholding tax from the employer's employees retained up to the amount of educational benefits provided for a period of five years. The amount withheld shall not exceed \$2 million and to receive the withholding tax, the employer must enter into an agreement with the Department of Economic Development.

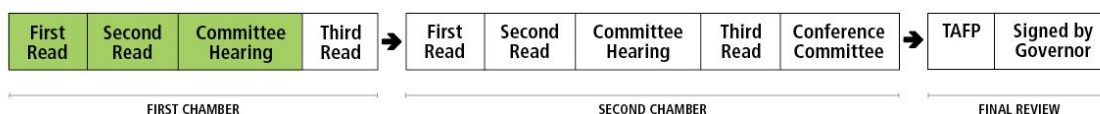
Bill History Committee:



HB 253 Berry

Tax Credit for Student Loan Repayment: Authorizes a tax credit for student loan repayment. Students who graduate from a qualified educational institution with a degree in science, engineering, technology or mathematics with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 and have student loans as a result may claim a tax credit against their tax liability for an amount equal to \$5,000 for up to six years. Students who relocate to Missouri with a STEM degree and have student loans as a result may claim a tax credit against their tax liability for an amount equal to \$3,000 for up to ten years.

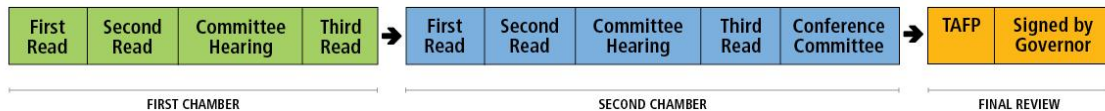
Bill History Committee:



HB 259 Reiboldt

Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015: Creates the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015, which creates the Missouri Dairy Industry Revitalization Fund. The Act requires the University of Missouri's Commercial Agriculture Program to conduct an annual study of the dairy industry and requires the Department of Agriculture to create and administer a dairy producer margin insurance premium assistance program and the Missouri Dairy Scholars Program. The Scholars Program would provide up to 80 scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each to assist with the costs of tuition to students who agree to work in the agriculture industry in Missouri for at least two years for every year the recipient receives the scholarship and work in a dairy-related field for at least three months.

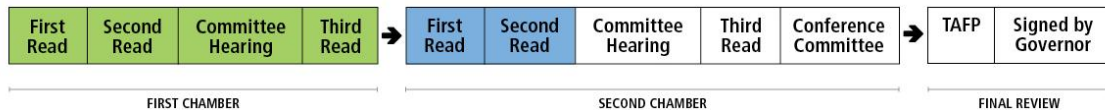
Bill History Committee:



HB 272 Hoskins

Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program: Changes eligibility requirements for the program commonly known as Bright Flight and expands the program to include a forgivable loan component.

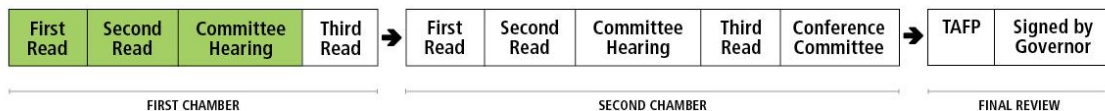
Bill History Committee: [Senate Education Committee](#)



HB 298 Hoskins

Education Tax Credit: Authorizes an employer to retain an employee's state withholding tax for five years if the employee has graduated from a Missouri innovation campus with a bachelor's degree in science, engineering, technology or mathematics after April 30, 2016.

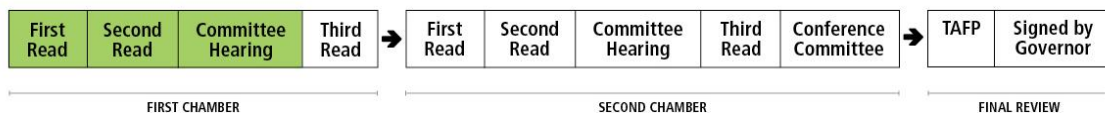
Bill History Committee: [House Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention](#)



HB 365 Spencer

Student Accountability Act: Establishes the Student Accountability Act that requires a student score proficient or higher on a state assessment in order to receive a high school academic diploma. Every public institution of higher education shall recognize the high school academic diploma as sufficient for a student to be placed in the first college-level course of mathematics and English composition that is recognized for the forty-two-hour general education core requirements.

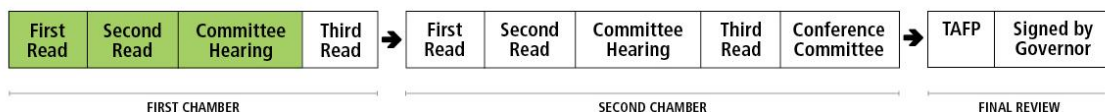
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HB 377 Swan

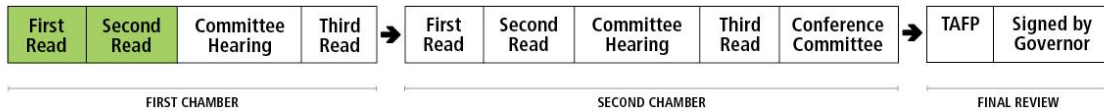
Remediation Prevention in School: Requires school districts to develop a system for identifying students who are at risk of not being ready for college-level work or entry-level career positions. The district policy must require academic and career counseling to take place sufficiently prior to graduation. The Department of Higher Education must develop a report that analyzes the results of the remediation rate report relative to student performance on the statewide assessments for English I and Algebra I.

Bill History Committee:



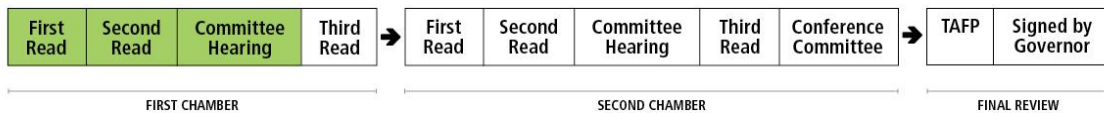
**HB 397 Peters** Expired, sunset & obsolete statutes: Repeals expired, sunset and obsolete statutory provisions, including those related to the Higher Education Scholarship Program.

**Bill History** Committee:



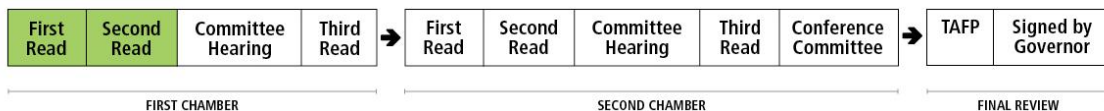
**HB 408 Brattin** Campus Free Expression Act: Establishes the "Campus Free Expression Act". Any person who wishes to engage in expressive activity on campus shall be permitted to do so freely, as long as their conduct is not unlawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the functioning of the institution.

**Bill History** Committee:



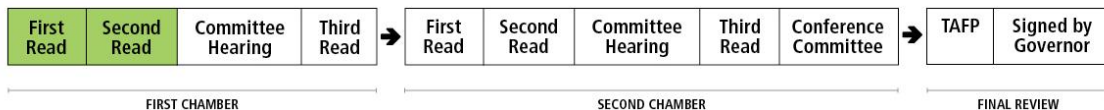
**HB 412 Peters** Higher education institution policies on sexual assault: Requires the governing boards of institutions of higher education to adopt policies concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in order to receive state funds for student aid

**Bill History** Committee: [House Standing Committee on Higher Education](#)



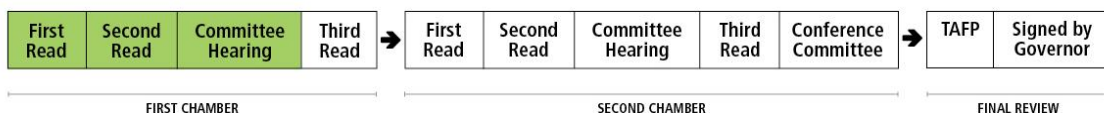
**HB 435 Morgan** MO Tuition Equity Act: Establishes the Missouri Tuition Equity Act which changes how a Missouri resident is defined for purposes of tuition, fees and admission.

**Bill History** Committee:



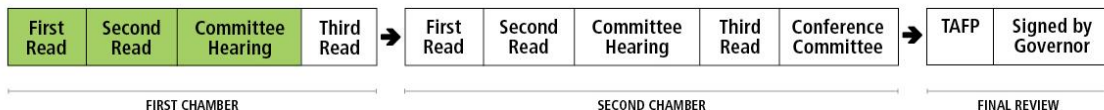
**HB 436 Moon** Campus Free Expression Act: Establishes the "Campus Free Expression Act". Any person who wishes to engage in expressive activity on campus shall be permitted to do so freely, as long as their conduct is not unlawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the functioning of the institution.

**Bill History** Committee:



**HB 451 English** Expands A+ Schools Program: Expands the A+ Schools Program to graduates of any Missouri high school that meets the program requirements.

**Bill History** Committee:

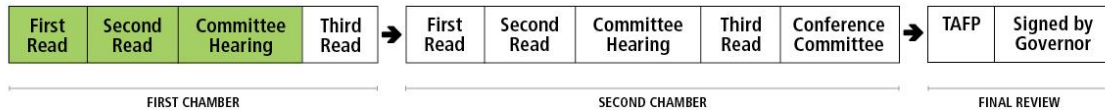




HB 464 Rowden

Board of curators of the University of MO: No member of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri shall vote to appoint to, hire, or in any way employ in any position in the university any person who appointed him or her to the board.

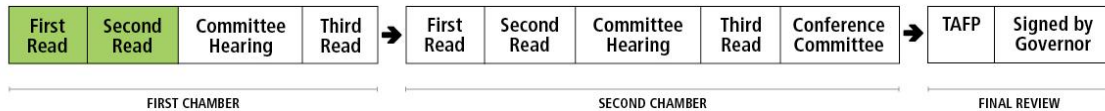
Bill History Committee:



HB 470 Smith

College Credit Disclosure Act: Establishes the College Credit Disclosure Act that requires most nationally accredited higher education institutions to disclose before enrollment that they are not regionally accredited and credit transfer may be limited.

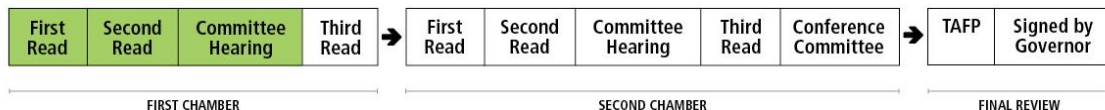
Bill History Committee:



HB 520 Hicks

STEM Internship Incentive: Authorizes a tax liability transfer for an employer that hires a student majoring in the field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics for an internship. Up to \$5,000 of the employer's state tax liability may be annually removed from the general fund and placed in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fund. The bill also allows an employer with facilities in Missouri that provides educational benefits to a qualified individual or trains a qualified individual for an employment position in the health care, engineering, or information technology field to apply to have up to \$5,000 of the employer's state tax liability removed from the general fund and placed in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fund for up to one year. The Department of Higher Education must establish a procedure for approving applications.

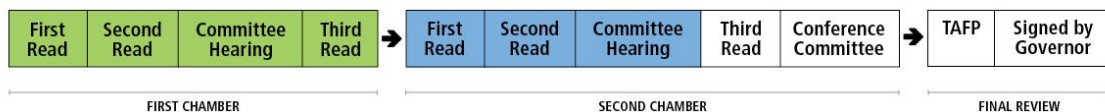
Bill History Committee:



HB 567 Dunn

Alpha Phi Alpha Day: Designates December 4 as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day" in Missouri in honor of the first black intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans.

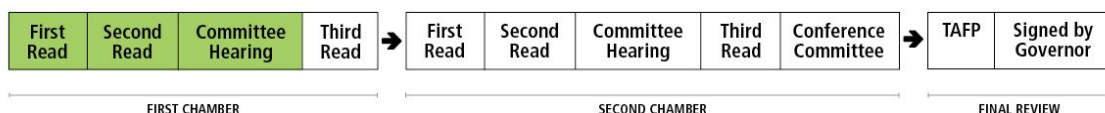
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HB 574 Haahr

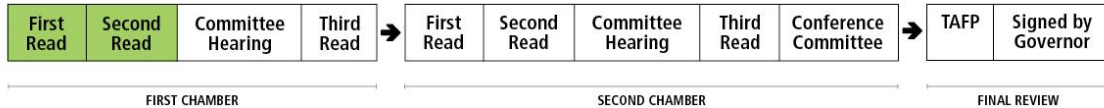
Missouri Civics Education Initiative: Establishes the "Missouri Civics Education Initiative" which requires every high school student attending any public, charter or private school to complete and pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test in order to receive a high school diploma, certificate of high school graduation or a high school equivalency certificate – **MERGED WITH HB 578**.

Bill History Committee:



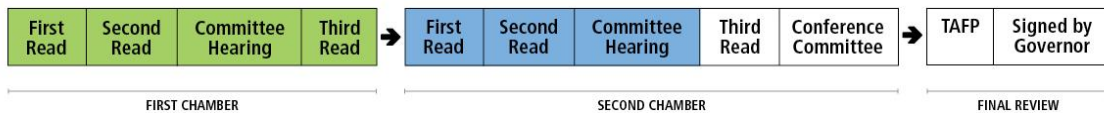
**HB 577**     **P. Fitzwater**     Student Eligibility for A+ Program: Requires a student to be a United States citizen or permanent resident in order to be eligible to receive reimbursements from the A+ Schools Program.

**Bill History**     Committee:



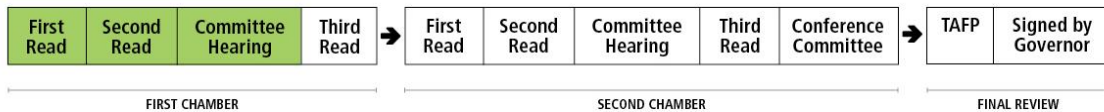
**HB 578**     **Swan**     Missouri Civics Education Initiative: Establishes the “Missouri Civics Education Initiative” which requires every high school student attending any public, charter or private school to complete and pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test in order to receive a high school diploma, certificate of high school graduation or a high school equivalency certificate.

**Bill History**     Committee: [Senate Education Committee](#)



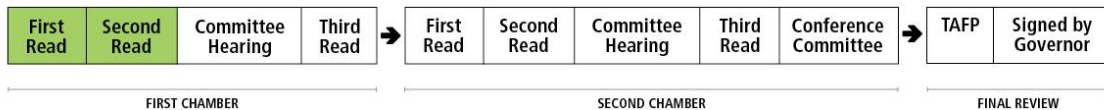
**HB 584**     **LaFaver**     Missouri Civics Education Initiative: Establishes the “Missouri Civics Education Initiative” which requires every high school student attending any public, charter or private school to complete and pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test in order to receive a high school diploma, certificate of high school graduation or a high school equivalency certificate – **MERGED WITH HB 578**.

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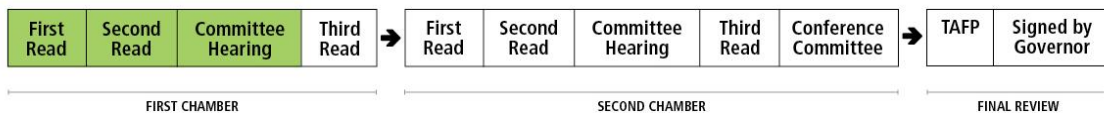
**HB 595**     **Anders**     Institutions of higher education report sexual assault/misconduct: Requires public institution of higher education staff members to report alleged sexual assault and misconduct cases directly to local law enforcement and to cooperate in any subsequent investigation.

**Bill History**     Committee: [House Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness](#)



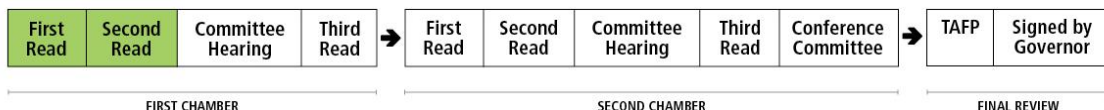
**HB 598**     **McGaugh**     Alpha Gamma Rho Day: Designates April twenty-fourth of each year as "Alpha Gamma Rho Day" in Missouri in honor of the founding of the first social-professional agricultural fraternity in the state.

**Bill History**     Committee: [House Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism](#)



**HB 653**     **Gardner**     State teachers colleges/degree granting authority: Modifies provisions relating to the name of state teachers colleges and broadens the degree granting authority of the board of regents of Harris-Stowe State University to include baccalaureate and graduate degree programs.

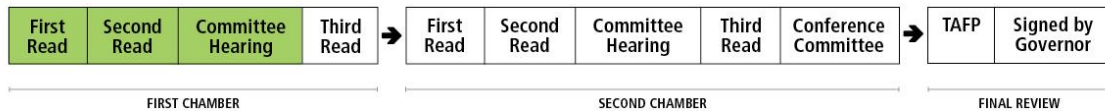
**Bill History**     Committee:



HB 676 Rowden

Education Innovation Investment Act: Establishes the Education Innovation Investment Act that creates tax incentives for businesses and individuals working in unused or vacant areas of public institutions of higher learning. An eligible business shall be allowed to subtract fifty percent of the eligible business's business income from their federal adjusted gross income when determining Missouri adjusted gross income. In addition, a qualified taxpayer shall be allowed to subtract \$10,000 of the qualified taxpayer's income from their adjusted gross income when determining Missouri adjusted gross income.

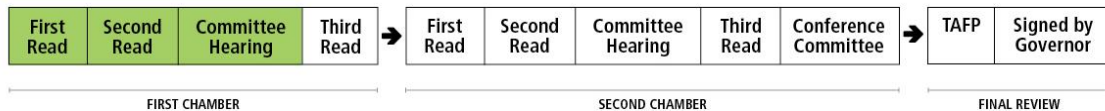
Bill History Committee:



HB 682 Johnson

MO Jobs for Education Program: Establishes the Missouri Jobs for Education Program to provide a tuition credit for certain business owners or companies who create new full-time jobs. The tuition credit will be equal to the amount of the withholding taxes withheld which can be used towards tuition at any approved public institution of higher education in the state.

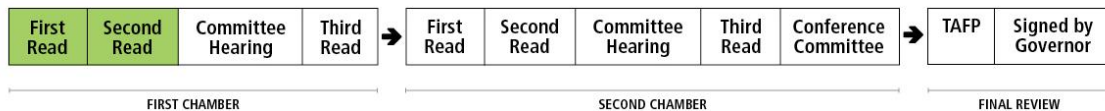
Bill History Committee:



HB 687 Fitzpatrick

State aid for divinity or theological degrees: Deletes the statutory provision that makes students enrolled in programs leading to divinity or theological degrees ineligible to receive state student assistance.

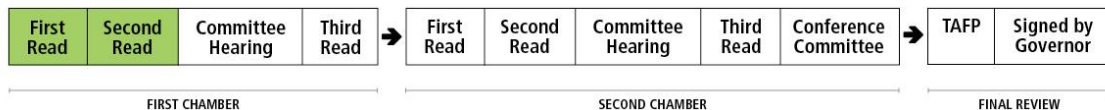
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Tuition rates for unlawful status students: Prohibits public institutions of higher education from offering tuition rates to unlawful status students that are less than the rate charged to citizens of the United States whose residence is not illegal.

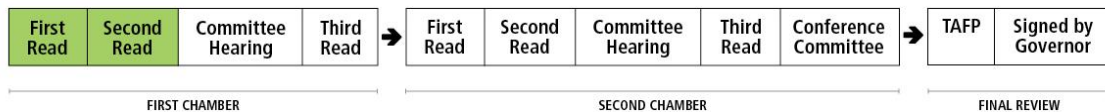
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HB 831 Cierpiot

Curriculum Transparency Act: Requires public colleges and universities to publicize their curriculum for any degree offered by the institutions. The CBHE must establish rules and regulations to ensure that each approved public institution posts the required curriculum for all degrees offered by the institution on its website.

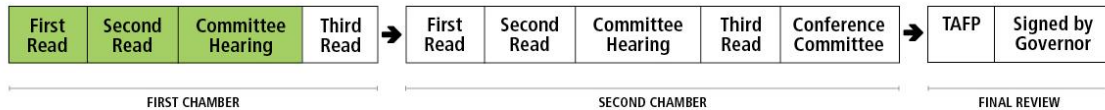
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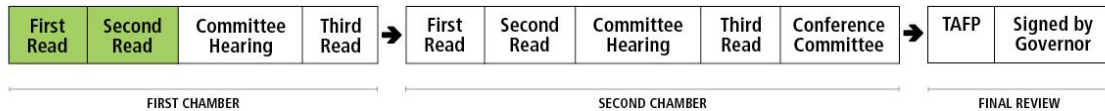
**HB 867 Frederick** Depression screening for medical students: Establishes an online survey for the screening of medical students for risk of depression and the reporting of the prevalence of at-risk medical students using nonidentifying aggregate totals.

**Bill History** Committee:



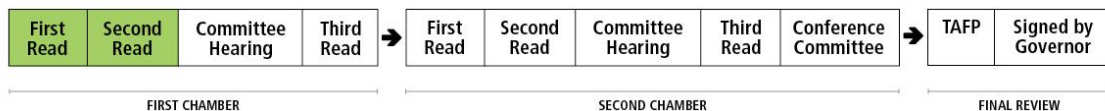
**HB 902 Curtis** Identification of students needing remedial courses: Requires school districts and charter schools to identify students needing remedial coursework and implement a virtual school program to assist the identified students.

**Bill History** Committee:



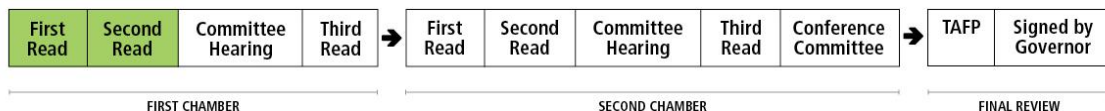
**HB 903 Curtis** Committee for Entrepreneurs: Establishes the Committee for Entrepreneurs within the Department of Economic Development and a grant program for certain accelerated computer programming programs.

**Bill History** Committee:



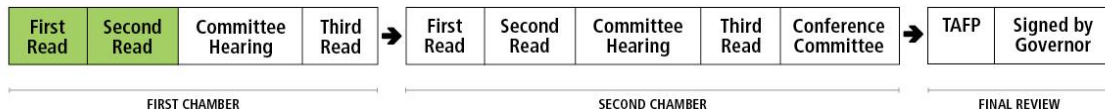
**HB 904 Curtis** 8 in 6 Program: Establishes the 8 in 6 Program within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Under this program, grades seven through twelve and the first two years of college or professional-technical preparation are compressed into six years. Participating students must take one or two online courses during the summer and dual credit courses during their junior and senior years in high school. A student who successfully completes the program will conclude high school with an associate's degree.

**Bill History** Committee:



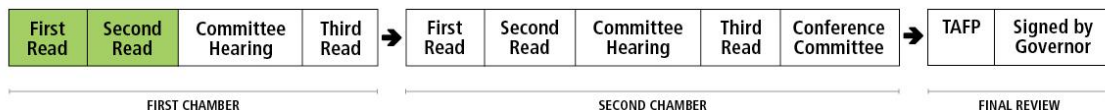
**HB 905 Curtis** College tuition rates: Requires one-third of any tuition increase by a public institution of higher education to be designated for faculty improvement. It also prohibits a public higher education institution from charging a Missouri resident who is a continuously enrolled, full-time student, as defined by the bill, a tuition rate that exceeds the amount charged when the student first enrolled for the five years following initial enrollment.

**Bill History** Committee: [House Standing Committee on Higher Education](#)



**HB 912 Cornejo** Password protection: Prohibits an employer or educational institution from requiring or requesting certain persons to disclose their user name and password for a personal social media account.

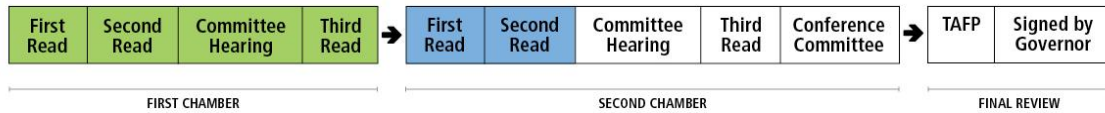
**Bill History** Committee:



HB 982 Rowden

UM extension councils: Allows the University of Missouri extension councils in counties to obtain financing in their own name so long as it does not constitute a debt to the university and the university is not obligated to repay the financed amount.

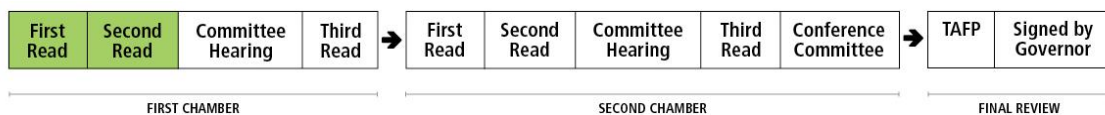
Bill History Committee: [Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoors Resources Committee](#)



HB 986 Peters

Missouri Promise Scholarship Act: Establishes the “Missouri Promise Scholarship Act” for Missouri residents who meet certain terms and conditions and who attend an eligible postsecondary institution. Scholarship awards would be capped at the average tuition and fee rate for public community colleges and may be earned for a maximum of two and a half years. Students receiving A+ awards would be ineligible.

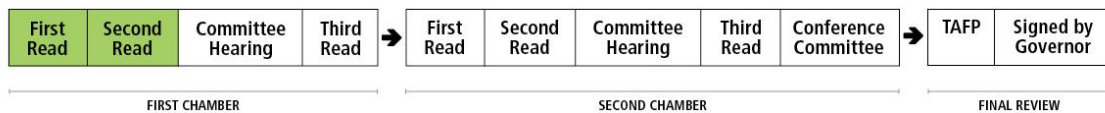
Bill History Committee: [House Standing Committee on Higher Education](#)



HB 1011 Rowden

UM Board of Curators: Requires that one voting member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators be a student.

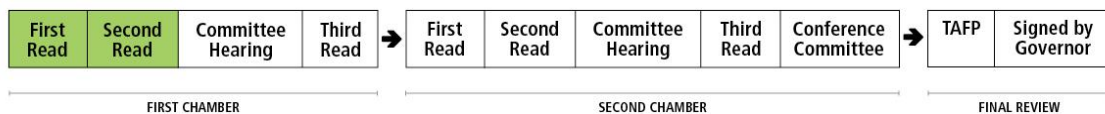
Bill History Committee:



HB 1050 English

Missouri Civics Education Initiative: Establishes the “Missouri Civics Education Initiative” which requires every high school student attending any public, charter or private school to complete and pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test in order to receive a high school diploma, certificate of high school graduation or a high school equivalency certificate.

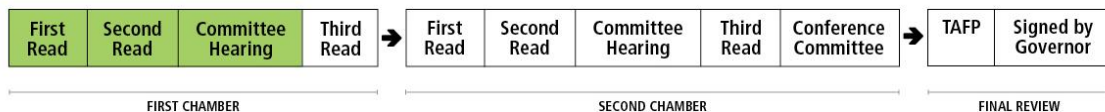
Bill History Committee: [House Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education](#)



HB 1060 Richardson

Tax refunds to MOST accounts: Allows for a taxpayer to indicate on tax filings to redirect the taxpayer’s refund, if applicable, to a MOST account.

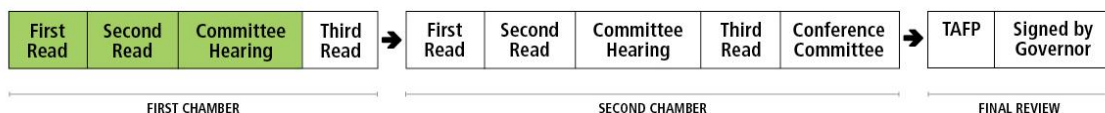
Bill History Committee:



HB 1083 Leara

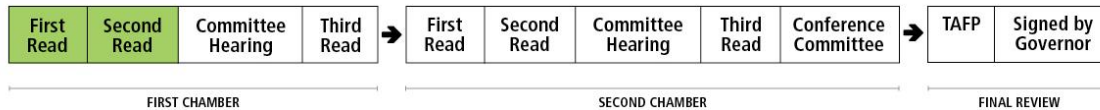
Psychologist licensure: Provides that a degree in a program accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System meets various psychologist licensure requirements.

Bill History Committee: [House Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in Education](#)



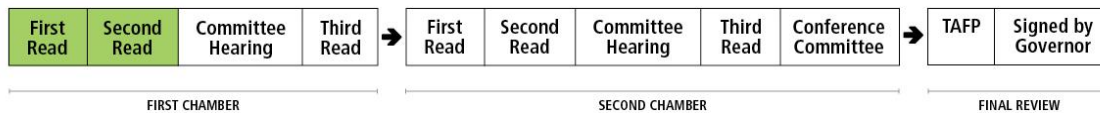
**HB 1088 Parkinson** Computer programming coursework: Requires computer programming coursework offered by a public school or postsecondary institution to be treated as a foreign language for academic credit purposes.

**Bill History** Committee:



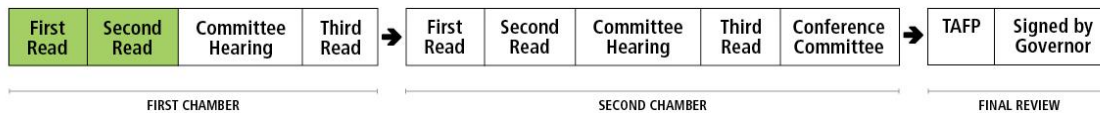
**HB 1092 Swan** Postsecondary course options: Changes the law on postsecondary course options by broadening the definition of schools allowed to cooperate with public high schools to offer those options.

**Bill History** Committee: [House Standing Committee on Higher Education](#)



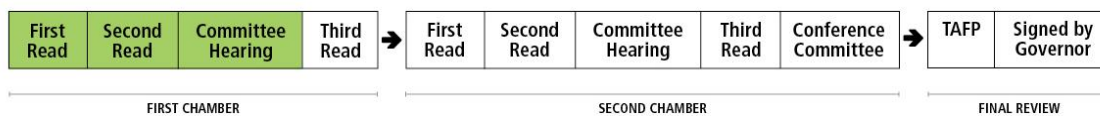
**HB 1104 McManus** Missouri Workforce Investment Scholarship Act: Establishes the “Missouri Workforce Investment Scholarship Act” for Missouri residents who meet certain terms and conditions and who attend an eligible postsecondary institution. A scholarship award would cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at the eligible postsecondary institution attended less all other gift aid and may be earned until the student has earned a certificate, diploma or associate degree. Students receiving A+ awards would be ineligible.

**Bill History** Committee: [House Standing Committee on Higher Education](#)



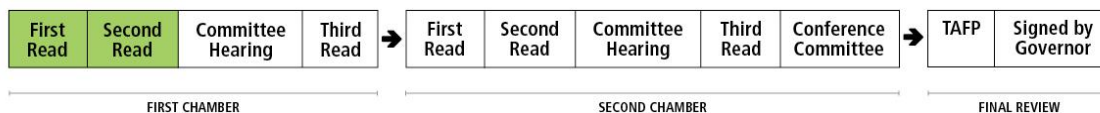
**HB 1165 Brattin** Higher education institution available information: Requires each public college and university to post on its website or publish in its course catalog specified information for each degree that it offers including the estimated cost to obtain the degree, types of employment opportunities, the current job market, the number and percentage of students with the degree who get a job within one year of graduation and their average income, and the number and percentage of students with the degree who are employed in a field closely related to the degree program within one year of graduation.

**Bill History** Committee: [House Standing Committee on Higher Education](#)



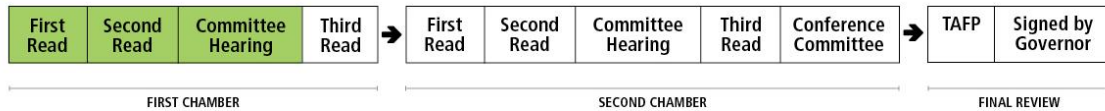
**HB 1232 Walton Gray** Pay Forward, Pay Back Pilot Program: Requires the Department of Higher Education to consider the establishment of a Pay Forward, Pay Back pilot program to replace the current system of charging tuition and fees to attend a public higher education institution.

**Bill History** Committee:



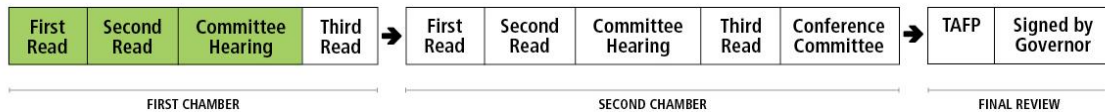
**HB 1254**   **Lichtenegger**   Virtual institutions: Changes the law by adding virtual institutions to the "Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program".

**Bill History**   Committee:



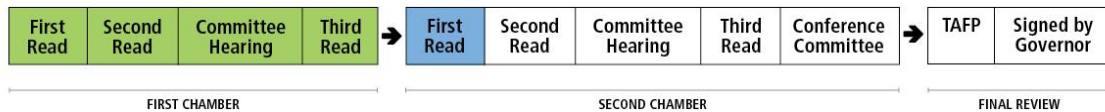
**HB 1331**   **Parkinson**   Health insurance: Specifies that public universities shall not bind students to third-party contracts for health insurance without written approval.

**Bill History**   Committee: [House Select Committee on Judiciary](#)



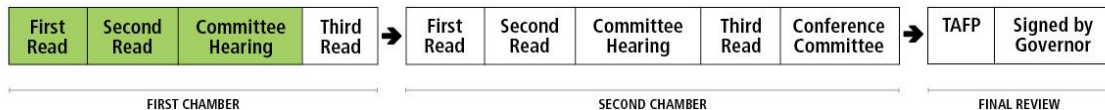
**HCR 27**   **McGaugh**   Alpha Gamma Rho Day: Designates April 24, 2016 as "Alpha Gamma Rho Day" in Missouri in honor of the founding of the first social-professional agricultural fraternity in the state.

**Bill History**   Committee: [Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee](#)



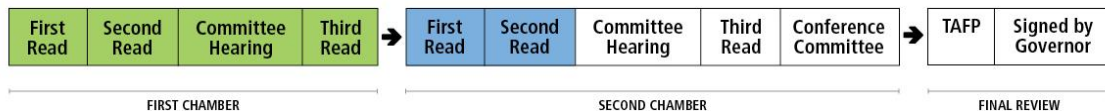
**SB 71**   **LeVota**   Reimbursement for dual credit courses: Requires the Department of Higher Education to establish a reimbursement procedure through the A+ Program for a student's portion of fees for dual credit courses.

**Bill History**   Committee:



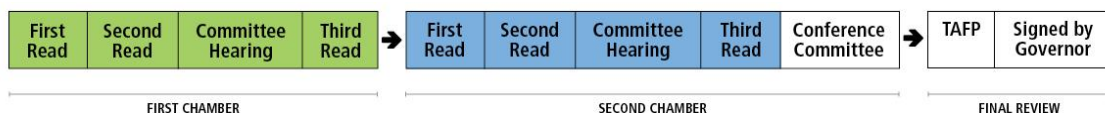
**SB 93**   **Emery**   Campus Free Expression Act: Creates the Campus Free Expression Act to protect free expression on the campuses of public institutions of higher education. The act designates the outdoor areas of campuses of public institutions of higher education to be traditional public forums and states that any person may freely engage in expressive activity so long as the person's conduct is not unlawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the institution's functioning.

**Bill History**   Committee: [House Standing Committee on Higher Education](#)



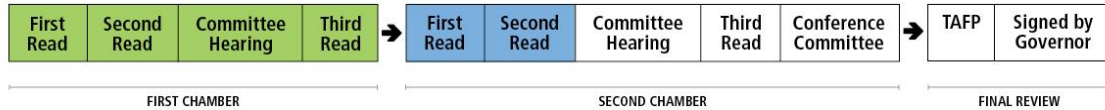
**SB 104**   **Kraus**   Initiative petitions and referendums: Requires actions challenging initiatives and referendums to be fully adjudicated more than fifty-six days prior to the election in which the measure will appear on the ballot. Also requires the board of trustees of the community college district in any district that contains a city not within a county to be composed of seven members.

**Bill History**   Committee:



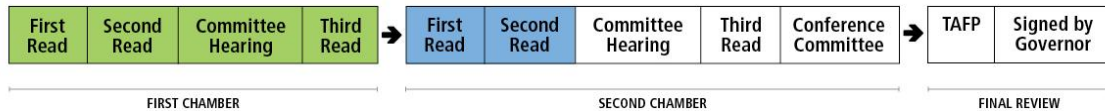
**SB 109**     **Schaefer**     DHE institutions covered by Legal Expense Fund: Provides that when the legal counsel of a public higher education institution conducts the investigation, defense, negotiation, or compromise of a claim covered by the State Legal Expense Fund, the Attorney General retains exclusive discretion regarding the settlement of the claim.

**Bill History**     Committee: [House Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings](#)



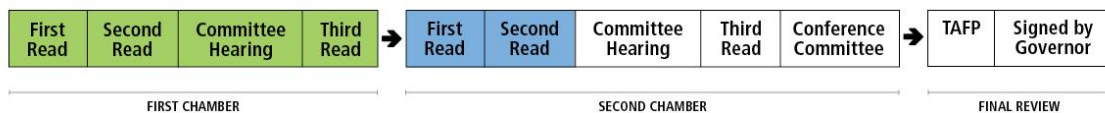
**SB 110**     **Schaefer**     University of Missouri Board of Curators: Prohibits any member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators from voting to hire, employ or appoint to any position in the university any person who appointed him or her to the board.

**Bill History**     Committee: [House Standing Committee on Emerging Issues](#)



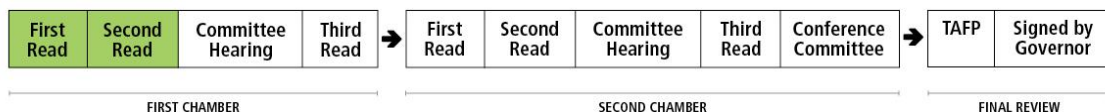
**SB 113**     **Dixon**     Higher education statutes cleanup: Updates references to higher education statutes that have been previously repealed.

**Bill History**     Committee:



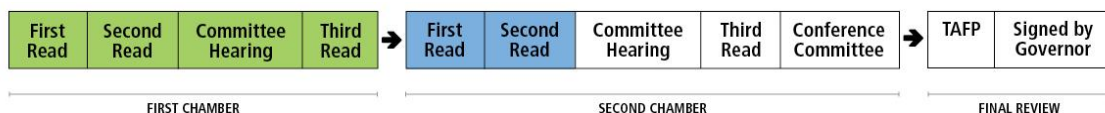
**SB 139**     **Parson**     Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015: Creates the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015, which creates the Missouri Dairy Industry Revitalization Fund. The Act requires the University of Missouri's Commercial Agriculture Program to conduct an annual study of the dairy industry and requires the Department of Agriculture to create and administer a dairy producer margin insurance premium assistance program and the Missouri Dairy Scholars Program. The Scholars Program would provide up to 80 scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each to assist with the costs of tuition to students who agree to work in the agriculture industry in Missouri for at least two years for every year the recipient receives the scholarship and work in a dairy-related field for at least three months.

**Bill History**     Committee: [Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee](#)



**SB 174**     **Schmitt**     MO Achieving a Better Life Experience program: Creates the Missouri Achieving a Better Life Experience program and provides that a person may make tax-deductible contributions to an account established for the purpose of financing the qualified disability expenses of a beneficiary.

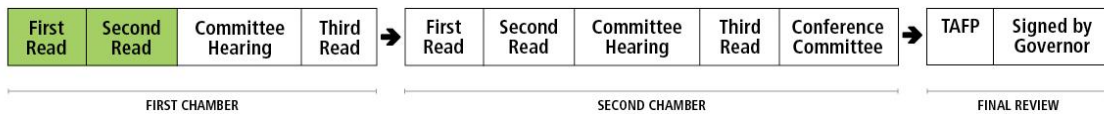
**Bill History**     Committee: [House Standing Committee on Ways and Means](#)





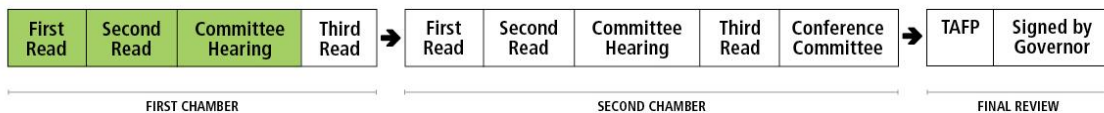
**SB 191**     **Curls**     Center to conduct applied urban research & outreach: Relating to the establishment of a center for the neighborhoods on the Kansas City campus of the University of Missouri under the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning. The center shall conduct applied urban research and outreach, actively engage with the city and region, use a collaborative approach to carry out its mission, work with partner organizations to build the capacity of local neighborhood organizations, work with local leaders to identify key actions for neighborhood stabilization, and support academic service-learning.

**Bill History**     Committee: [Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee](#)



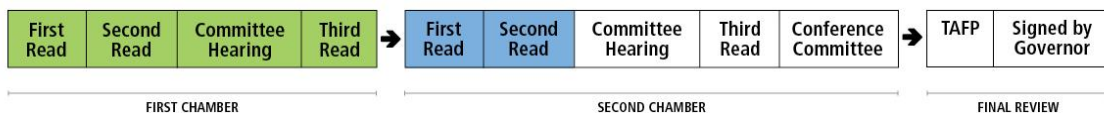
**SB 207**     **Pearce**     Education Tax Credit: Authorizes an employer to retain an employee's state withholding tax for five years if the employee has graduated from a Missouri innovation campus with a bachelor's degree in science, engineering, technology or mathematics after April 30, 2016.

**Bill History**     Committee: [Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee](#)



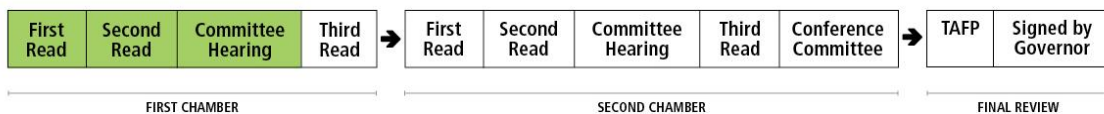
**SB 224**     **Romine**     Student Eligibility for A+ Program: Requires a student to be a United States citizen or permanent resident in order to be eligible to receive reimbursements from the A+ Schools Program

**Bill History**     Committee:



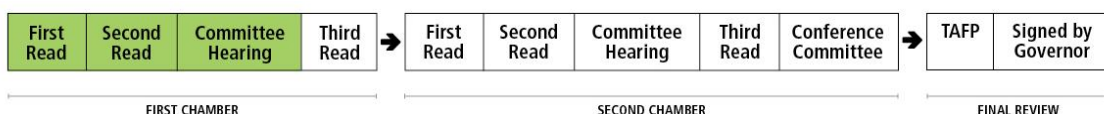
**SB 248**     **Schaefer**     Student Freedom of Association Act: Creates the Student Freedom of Association Act. The act prohibits public colleges and universities from taking any action or enforcing any policy that denies a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association, or discriminating against a religious student association.

**Bill History**     Committee:



**SB 268**     **Pearce**     STEM Fund/Economic-Education Partnership Act: Authorizes a tax liability transfer for an employer that hires a student majoring in the field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics for an internship. Up to \$5,000 of the employer's state tax liability may be annually removed from the general fund and placed in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fund. The bill also allows an employer with facilities in Missouri that provides educational benefits to a qualified individual or trains a qualified individual for an employment position in the health care, engineering, or information technology field to apply to have up to \$5,000 of the employer's state tax liability removed from the general fund and placed in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fund for up to one year. The Department of Higher Education must establish a procedure for approving applications.

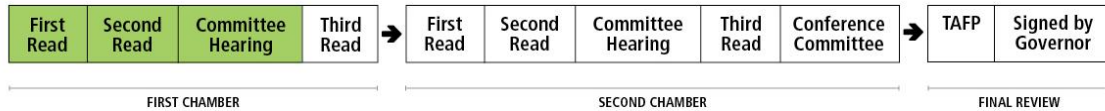
**Bill History**     Committee:



SB 271 Silvey

MO Civics Education Initiative: Establishes the “Missouri Civics Education Initiative” which requires every high school student attending any public, charter or private school to complete and pass a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test in order to receive a high school diploma, certificate of high school graduation or a high school equivalency certificate. A waiver of this requirement may be permitted to students with a disability if recommended by the student’s IEP committee.

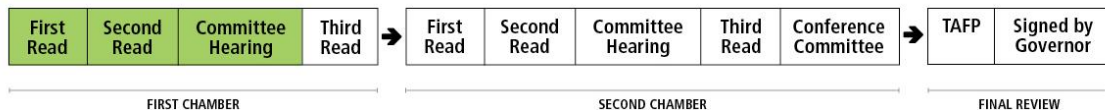
Bill History Committee: [Senate Education Committee](#)



SB 273 Riddle

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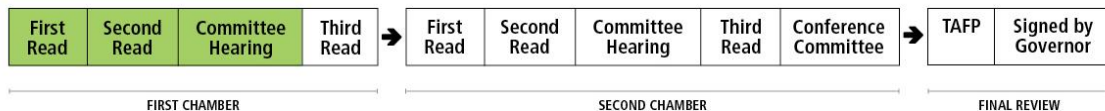
Bill History Committee: [Senate Education Committee](#)



SB 299 Pearce

Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program: Changes eligibility requirements for the program commonly known as Bright Flight and expands the program to include a forgivable loan component.

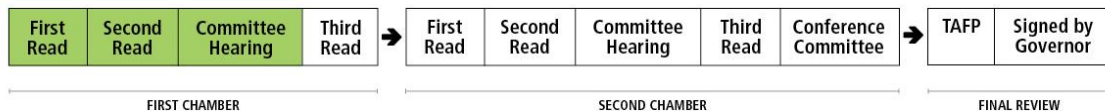
Bill History Committee:



SB 311 Emery

Student Freedom of Association Act: Creates the Student Freedom of Association Act. The act prohibits public colleges and universities from taking any action or enforcing any policy that denies a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association, or discriminating against a religious student association – **Merged with SB 248**.

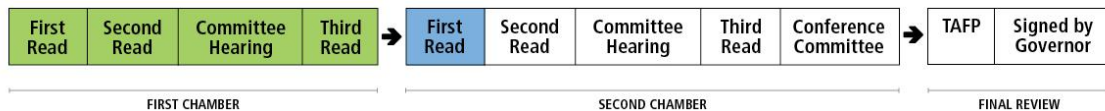
Bill History Committee:



SB 334 Nasheed

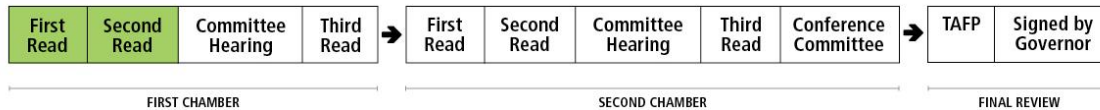
State teachers colleges/degree granting authority: Modifies provisions relating to the boards of regents of state colleges and universities and broadens the degree-granting authority of Harris-Stowe State University.

Bill History Committee:



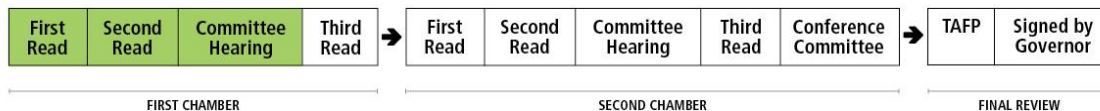
**SB 348 Schaefer** Transfer of excess funds to GR: Requires the excess balances of all funds created by statute and administratively created by the Office of Administration to be transferred to the general revenue fund.

**Bill History** Committee: [Senate Appropriations Committee](#)



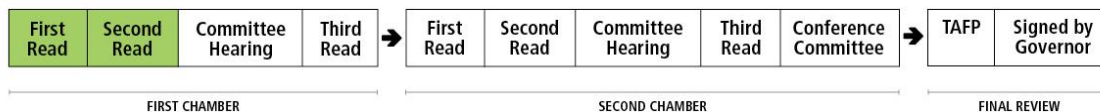
**SB 366 Schmitt** MOST savings program: Modifies the provisions of the Missouri higher education savings program to include computer technology or equipment as a qualified higher education expense.

**Bill History** Committee:



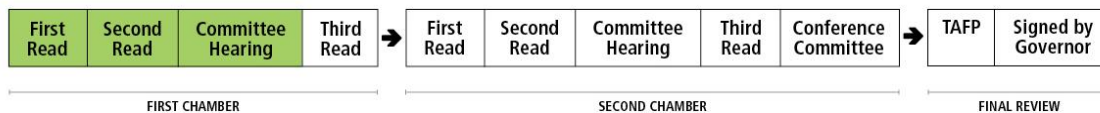
**SB 368 Pearce** Psychologist licensure: Provides that a degree in a program accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System meets various psychologist licensure requirements.

**Bill History** Committee: [Senate Financial and Governmental Organizations & Elections Committee](#)



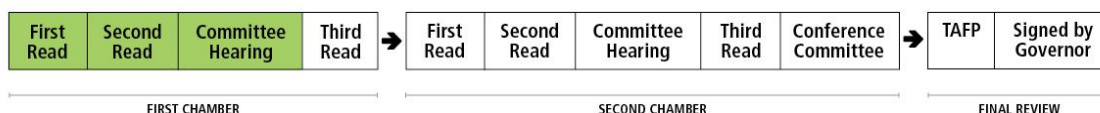
**SB 420 Schmitt** Tax refunds to MOST accounts: Provides for direct deposit of income tax refunds to MOST accounts.

**Bill History** Committee:



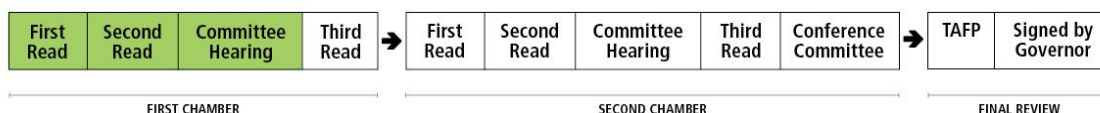
**SB 465 Schmitt** Curriculum Transparency Act: Requires each public college and university to post on its website specified information for each course that it offers including the syllabus, reading list, attendance requirements, extra credit opportunities, and a description of required assignments and projects.

**Bill History** Committee: [Senate Education Committee](#)



**SB 530 Onder** Student data privacy: Enacts multiple provisions to protect the privacy of student data at elementary, secondary and postsecondary education levels. The provisions prohibit state agencies from collecting certain types of data without written consent and would limit the ability of agencies to share certain data with other agencies, including for purposes of workforce development or economic planning. The bill would also prohibit certain types of student assessments and requires the destruction of virtually all student data within five years after the student graduates or withdraws.

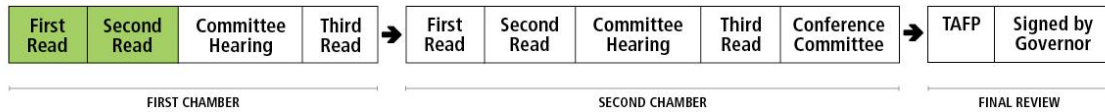
**Bill History** Committee: [Senate Education Committee](#)



SB 531 Emery

Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program: Creates the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program for children with disabilities which can be used for qualified educational expenses and the payment of insurance or surety bonds.

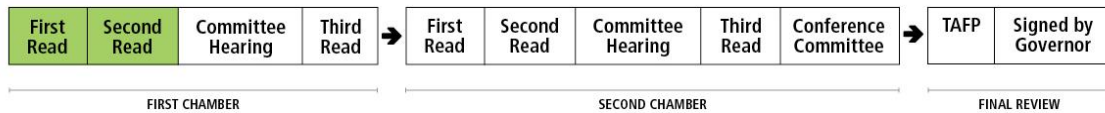
Bill History Committee: [Senate Education Committee](#)



SB 538 Schaaf

Teacher education program scholarships: Makes a technical correction to a statute establishing a nonrenewable scholarship program for students entering a teacher education program.

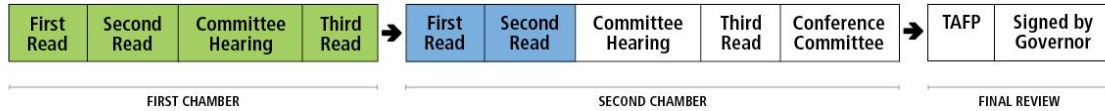
Bill History Committee: [Senate General Laws and Pensions Committee](#)



SCR 9 Parson

Higher education repair/renovation projects: Creates a higher education buildings project list to be funded by revenue bonds issued by the State Board of Public Buildings.

Bill History Committee: [House Select Committee on Budget](#)



SCR 11 Schmitt

Tax-deferred treatment of 529 plans: Urges Congress to not remove the tax-deferred treatment of 529 college savings plans.

Bill History Committee: [House Standing Committee on Ways and Means](#)

